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1. ONC Hope International

General consultative status: 2011

Introduction

ONG HOPE International is active in Africa, Asia and Europe. Its focus is on Africa, where it is active in Madagascar, Côte d'Ivoire and Angola.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ONG HOPE International focuses on rural economic development through the creation of reception and vocational training centres for the poorest and the granting of microcredits administered by ONG HOPE; establishment at HOPE Centres of libraries/media libraries, large sports centres, and multipurpose rooms for the organization of meetings of all types; and the provision of health centres with dispensaries and a team of basic health education/prevention providers.

Significant changes in the organization

ONG HOPE International has added a partner organization, Don du Livre, thanks to which it has been able to set up libraries at its HOPE Centres.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ONG HOPE International is actively cooperating with United Nations bodies under the aegis of the Human Rights Council and certain specialized agencies. In particular, it has participated in the open-ended Working Group on the Right to Development, the open-ended Working Group on the Draft United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training (on the drafting of which it collaborated), and the Social Forum. It also participates in international special days such as World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Day, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated actively in sessions 18 to 29 of the Human Rights Council (HRC). It made oral statements at the following sessions, among others: 18th session, item 3, Right to development; 22nd session, item 3, Interactive dialogue on the right to food; Item 7 and general debate: The human rights situation in Palestine and the other occupied Arab territories; and, 29th session, item 6: report of Kuwait. It submitted a written statement at the 24th session, Item 3: Right to development: Achieving Zero Hunger. It also took part in the Universal Periodic Reviews of sessions 12 to 22.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2014, ONG HOPE International participated in the meetings of the HRC Bureau and addressed the President of the Council. It submitted a technical analysis report on the appointment of Special Rapporteurs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ONG HOPE International is involved with all of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with the exception of MDG 6. MDG 1 is the organization's priority objective. Under MDG 7, the Organization has banned the use of inputs; uses natural fertilizers; and practices "soft agriculture". Under MDG 8, it cooperates with association and State partners, with certain reservations, and shares its expertise.

2. Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement

General, 1995

Introduction

OISCA is active in 34 countries and territories in Asia and Pacific, Africa, North America, and South America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to contribute to humanity's environmentally sustainable development through a holistic approach emphasizing the interconnectedness of agriculture, ecological integrity, and human spirit. To accomplish this, OISCA International implements and advocates hands-on experimental programmes for world citizens of all ages, transmitting knowledge and skills, and cultivating spiritual qualities as dedication, self-reliance, and universal brother/sisterhood.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

OISCA participated in the Green Wave Campaign spearheaded by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Through OISCA's Children's Forest Program, almost 50,000 participants in 20 countries were involved in tree planting activities, forest management, community clean-up drives, and environmental conservation related seminars and workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

OISCA participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 6th Meeting, 1-5 October 2012, Hyderabad, India;
- Conference of the Parties to the CBD, 11th Meeting, 8-9 October 2012, Hyderabad, India; and
- 2013 Annual Ministerial Review of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, 1-4 July 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OISCA implemented the Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) of the World Food Programme (WFP) in the Magway Region, Myanmar, as well as the Community-based Forest and Coastal Conservation and Resource Management project in Papua New Guinea, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

OISCA sharpened the leadership skills of 5,000 youth through trainings in sustainable agriculture, home economics, and machineries in its 29 training centres located in 8 countries. OISCA led several projects as part of its Sustainable Development Project, including the development of Sustainable Communities in Negros Province, Philippines, through Silk Production; a Coastal Community Reconstruction Project in Demak, Central Java, Indonesia; and a Poverty Alleviation Project through the Growing of Stevia in Caraguatay Region, Paraguay. Through its Children Forest Program, OISCA educated school children on environmental conservation and conducted hands-on tree planting activities. A total of 445,337 trees were planted in an area of 407 hectares during the reporting period.

3. Palakkad District Consumers' Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

Palakkad District Consumers' Association (PDCA) has been in activity for the last 24 years and focuses on the protection of the consumer's rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims at educating consumers and raising their awareness on certain issues, as well as finding ways to end corruption and unethical practices. Its consumer educational and awareness programmes support the public for higher standards of living; enable them to protect themselves from exploitation; help them get better employment, leading to economic and social progress; and promote respect for human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PDCA contributed to the work of the United Nations by celebrating certain special days, including: World Day of Social Justice, 20 February 2013; International Women's Day, 8 March 2013; World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2013; and International Day of Non-Violence, 2 October 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PDCA participated in the 13th Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 21-26 April 2012, and UNCTAD's Civil Society Forum, 17-27 April 2012, Doha, Qatar.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PDCA worked with UNCTAD, among other organizations. PDCA receives UNCTAD's meetings decisions, books, and other materials by mail and shares them with its network and members through its regular programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. Pathfinder International

Special, 2003

Introduction

Established in 1957, Pathfinder International (Pathfinder) works in nearly 20 countries, most of them located in Africa, in order to ensure a safe and healthy sexual life for everyone.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pathfinder International aims at removing barriers to critical sexual and reproductive health services. It works in partnership with local governments to expand access to contraception, promote healthy pregnancies, save women's lives, and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS infections. Pathfinder strives to strengthen access to all form of care related to sexual life, including abortion and contraception.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The area of work targeted by Pathfinder International is closely related to the work of the United Nations, especially in achieving MDGs 3 and 8, and also helps achieving MDGs 1 and 2.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Pathfinder International participated in the 56th Session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW), during which it gave a speech at a side event, New York, 27 February-9 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Pathfinder collaborates with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in each of its country offices and also occasionally with other organs such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF). An illustrative example of its work with UNFPA is a project in Pakistan during which Pathfinder worked to empower local contraception champions, including government officials, to improve policies, programmes, and budgets for contraception at the provincial level.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Pathfinder focused on MDGs 5 and 6 during the reporting period. Pathfinder's services averted over 3,700 maternal deaths and there were over 5 million visits by women to health providers for antenatal and postpartum care. Pathfinder services also averted nearly 2.5 million unintended pregnancies. There were nearly 6 million visits to health facilities for contraceptive services and more than 12 million visits by young people for youth-friendly services. Over 2.5 million individuals received HIV and AIDS services from Pathfinder-supported projects; more than 71,000 HIV-positive people were treated with antiretroviral medicines; and over 12,000 pregnant women and exposed infants received preventive therapy.

5. Perhaps Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference

Special, 1995

Introduction

Perhaps Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference was founded in 1982. The organization works in over 140 different countries. It is run by youth for youth, aged 10 to 24.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims at increasing awareness among youth in order for them to participate more, take action for positive change, and make a difference in the world in which they live. This is done through the organization's webpage, social media, congresses, walks against violence, Children's International Rights Network, and meetings and workshops addressing issues of peace and children's rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 1982, the organization has continually informed young people about the United Nations and its goals, work, and accomplishments. All of its major meetings and International Children's Congresses are held either at the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) House or the Interchurch Center of the United Nations in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Where possible, children and young people have participated in United Nations Conferences, NGO Working Groups, and major meetings on the girl child, education, and children's rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works actively with UNICEF. It collaborated on the Study on Children and Violence, the Machel Study, and other activities concerning children and war.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses on the MDGs related to youth, especially education and global partnership, through education aimed at non-violent solutions to conflicts.

6. Physicians for Human Rights

Special, 1995

Introduction

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) has used science and medicine to document and call attention to mass atrocities and severe human rights violations for nearly 30 years in more than 60 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PHR's investigations and expertise are used to advocate for the protection of persecuted health workers and medical facilities under attack; prevent torture; document mass atrocities; and hold those who violate human rights accountable. PHR was founded on the idea that health professionals, with their specialized skills, ethical duties, and credible voices, are uniquely positioned to stop human rights violations.

Significant changes in the organization

PHR moved its headquarters from Boston to New York City, United States of America. It led small projects with staff in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and for a period in Amman, Jordan. PHR received several large government grants from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States, and the Netherlands Foreign Ministries, as well as the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women for new training programmes in conflict zones.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PHR submitted reports to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process and interacted regularly with the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in conflict and the Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict. Further, PHR briefed United Nations Permanent Representatives on a

variety of issues, including Security Council expert groups, and lobbied in support of relevant United Nations resolutions. It also provided information on attacks on health workers to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PHR participated in in the Security Council review of the United Nations resolution 1325, as well as in the 55th, 56th, and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 22 February-4 March and 14 March 2011, 27 February-9 March and 15 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, New York

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PHR regularly interacts with staff in Geneva, Switzerland, and field offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It cooperates regularly with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), OCHA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the World Health Organization (WHO), and Special Representatives, Rapporteurs, and Regional Envoys.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PHR supported MDG 3 by securing justice for survivors of sexual violence in conflict zones.

7. Policy Research

Special, 2011

Introduction

Established in 2003, Policy Research (PR) advances positive social change in the socioeconomics, health and human rights' circumstances of disadvantaged people, especially women and children in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of PR is to generate empirical knowledge to support the building of sustainable socio-economic and political systems that guarantee equal participation and human development. It achieves its purpose through research, documentation and public education, policy analysis, technical assistance, and capacity building for participatory policy development.

Significant changes in the organization

PR amended its by-laws to ensure equality and to position the organization to actively promote equality and equal participation of men and women in Nigeria's socioeconomic and political development.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Some of the projects and activities that PR has implemented during the reporting period in Nigeria include:

- Strengthening youth's participation, equality, and social justice in Nigeria, by conducting regional research on youth's participation and designing and disseminating civic education materials to increase citizen's participation in economics, governance, and political issues in their local community and at national level;
- Strengthening young people's leadership capacity to help children and youth better understand the challenges of sustainable development; and
- The formation of a men and women coalition against domestic violence in Nigeria in partnership with other civil society organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PR attended various United Nations' meetings including Post-2015 High-level planning meetings in Nigeria, Indonesia, and New York. It also participated in several online meetings and discussions on various thematic Post-2015 sustainable development conferences, events, and meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PR, in collaboration with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), carried out a National Post Vaccination Survey in Nigeria from July 2010 to December 2011. PR is a member of Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Global Partnership. Policy Research organizes TB awareness campaigns to enlighten and educate the public about TB and the need for early diagnosis and treatment.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of MDG 6, PR led activities as part of World TB Day in 2014. It also worked toward MDG 8 through the initiative "Organizing Young Pe ρle", which gave the opportunity to Nigerian youth to express themselves on development challenges affecting them.

8. Prison Fellowship International

Special, 1983

Introduction

Prison Fellowship International (PFI) is a voluntary association of national Prison Fellowship organisations in 124 countries. PFI is involved in a broad range of criminal justice concerns and works through its affiliate organizations to promote participation in criminal justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to engage the Christian community to pursue justice and healing in response to crime so that offenders are transformed, relationships are reconciled, and communities are restored.

Significant changes in the organization

PFI has increased its membership from 124 countries in 2011 to 127 in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PFI focused especially on the area of restorative justice. PFI has attempted to update the general public on activities through two organizational websites and PFI publications sent to affiliates worldwide.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PFI participated in the Committee on the Rights of the Child's Day of General Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents, 30 September 2011, Geneva, Switzerland. PFI is a member of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in New York and has participated in the regular meetings of the Alliance.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PFI cooperates with the United Nations system through its representation at the United Nations Headquarters and main offices in New York, Geneva, Switzerland, and Vienna, Austria. Information and news related to United Nations activities and publications are sent to PFI national affiliates regularly and disseminated through PFI's various publications and websites.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PFI launched its Children of Prisoners project in 2013 to address MDGs 1, 2, and 4. The project addresses four key areas of these children's needs, as follows:

- Safety, by helping them find safe housing, protected from abuse;
- Health, by ensuring secure basic healthcare and monitoring their health;
- Education, by facilitating school attendance; and
- Resiliency of Spirit, by supporting them in developing healthy relationships with themselves, their peers, families, communities, and God.

The projects vary from country to country but most of them include these common components: they are community-based; utilize individualized case management; either deliver services or advocate for families to access services available in the community; provide educational support; attempt to reconnect children with their parent in prison; and include annual or regular gatherings from 1-5 days where all children and a caregiver are brought in to participate in programmes.

9. Program in International Human Rights Law

Special, 2011

Introduction

Founded in 1997, the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) has a broad mandate related to the promotion of international human rights law, international criminal law and international humanitarian law worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PIHRL works to promote international human rights through teaching, scholarships, assistance to governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and student placement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PIHRL assisted in researching and writing a Shadow Report submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Committee and advised on other treaty body work. PIHRL supported individuals and NGOs in utilizing treaty-based and United Nations Charter-based mechanisms to further their human rights goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PIHRL attended the United Nations Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, Switzerland, and attended sessions of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PIHRL assisted NGOs in submitting shadow reports to the Human Rights Committee in Geneva. PIHRL collected United Nations human rights publications for dissemination to law students enrolled in schools in the United States of America. PIHRL law student interns worked with refugees and asylum seekers who have been involved with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in various countries including the Republic of Georgia and Moldova.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PIHRL promoted MDG 3 by sending law students to work as interns on rights of women issues in India, Austria, Ireland, and Thailand, among other countries. PIHRL has sent multiple interns along the years to work on HIV/AIDS related human rights projects in Southeast Asia, thus promoting MDG 6. PIHRL supported MDG 8 by studying and working on international development issues.

10. Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème (PEECO) is a Mauritanian NGO founded in 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PEECO is active in the areas of environmental protection and biodiversity; sustainable development; the fight against poverty in all its forms; and the improvement of health and hygiene facilities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Until such time as it can join the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO) and so become more involved in the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, PEECO's activity is primarily at the national level. In particular, it has organized a series of five training sessions for its regional offices.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 51st session of the Commission for Social Development (CSoD) held from 6 to 15 February 2013 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the national level, in the area of environmental development, PEECO works closely with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); in the area of food safety, with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and, in humanitarian matters, with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization WHO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PEECO has undertaken activities related to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, on the following themes: climate change; empowerment of women; health for all; and food security.

11. Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme

Special consultative status: 2003

Introduction

Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme (RADDHO) is a Senegalese NGO founded in 1990 that works to promote and defend human rights in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RADDHO's goals are to promote, defend and protect human rights at the national, regional and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RADDHO contributed to the 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RADDHO participated in the HRC sessions on the human rights situation in various countries during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of States. It also participated in the meetings of the Committee against Torture, the Committee on Migrant Workers, and the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the 3rd and 4th reports of Canada under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, held 26 and 27 September 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland. At the national level, RADDHO regularly participates in the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in West and Central Africa, in particular the meetings of the National Human Rights Advisory Council (CCNDH) and of OHCHR.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RADDHO works closely with the specialized United Nations bodies based in Senegal, making its contribution to studies and research, the preparation of reports, and the joint organization of meetings and humanitarian activities as well as the implementation of operational projects funded by specialized United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RADDHO's activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have focused on Goals 4, 5, 6 and 7 and involved access to drinking water and sanitation as well as women's reproductive health.

12. Réseaux IP européens Network Coordination Centre

Special, 2007

Introduction

Réseaux IP européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC) is a European-based NGO present in 76 countries that supports Internet's infrastructure through technical coordination in Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Central Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RIPE NCC serves as a Regional Internet Registry (RIR), providing global Internet number resources and related services to members. It also provides a range of public services, including operation of the K-root name server, the RIPE Database, and the RIPE Routing Registry.

Significant changes in the organization

RIPE NCC's membership has increased by more than 50% during the reporting period, to more than 11,000. RIPE NCC has a new regional office in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and in the Russian Federation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RIPE NCC contributed to the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large by addressing Internet governance issues, including active participation in discussions surrounding the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and contributions to the IGF Open Consultations. In 2012, RIPE NCC responded to the questionnaire of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development's (CSTD) Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation. RIPE NCC contributed to the work of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), via the ITU IPv6 Group, as well as to the annual World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RIPE NCC takes part in all of the annual IGF events by organizing and reporting on sessions; contributing speakers; and facilitating the attendance and participation of community representatives. RIPE NCC also participated in the World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF), Geneva, Switzerland, May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As well as contributing to the IGF, the five RIRs also provide significant financial support to the IGF. RIPE NCC works closely with United Nations agencies, including the ITU, on capacity building efforts, including IPv6 training efforts in Arab States, and a cooperative effort in Montenegro to develop the country's first Internet Exchange Point.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of RIPE NCC has contributed to MDG 8 in expanding access to the Internet in developing areas. 25 events were organized in the Arab region during the reporting period, training more than 300 operators. RIPE NCC also plays a major role in sponsoring and coordinating the establishment of new Network Operators' Groups in developing regions such as the Middle East and the Eurasian region.

13. Rural Women Environmental Protection Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

Rural Women Environmental Protection Association (RWEPA) is a network of women, youth and individual subgroups in Africa, in Cameroon in particular, and the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RWEPA is a community driven organization working to achieve sustainable livelihoods and development of humankind. It promotes human rights and education for all; advocates for the protection and safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage: protects the environment and biodiversity; leads sensitization campaigns to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS; and strives towards poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RWEPA contributed to the work of the United Nations by advocating for elementary education for all, especially the Fulani girl-child; advocating for the respect of human rights and rights of indigenous peoples; fostering the protection and safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, cultural diversity and biodiversity: inculcating the culture of peaceful conflict resolution amongst the members and their communities; encouraging sustainable farming methods; reducing the process of deforestation and encouraging reforestation; and encouraging community driven development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RWEPA participated in the following meetings of the United Nations:

- It made a presentation at the International Training Course on the Role of Civil Societies in Combatting Desertification, 13-18 June 2012, Ankara, Turkey;
- It participated in the 7th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), 1-8 December 2012, Paris, France;

- It prepared and submitted the national project to implement Conventions 2003 and 2005 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 18 January 2013, Cameroon;
- It participated in the EXPO2013 Guizhou Guiyang Exhibition in China, 13-18 November 2013; and
- It participated as a facilitator in the first national workshop to train trainers to conduct an Inventory of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage 5-9 March 2014, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RWEPA experts put in place the strategic document to implement UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Cameroon.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RWEPA worked toward MDGs 2, 3, 6 and 7 with the following projects:

- MDG 2: Education of Fulani girls and women;
- MDG 3: Education of women on ways to carry out small income generating activities, and advocacy for rural woman to help them obtain marriage licenses with their partners;
- MDG 6: Sensitization sessions on HIV/AIDS among school-aged children; and
- MDG 7: Promotion of reforestation.

14. Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Swiss National Youth Council (SNYC) is the umbrella organization of about 65 youth organizations in Switzerland and represents their interests in the public arena.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SNYC's mission is to generate possibilities for young people to participate in society as a whole and to develop into socially conscious, active citizens.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SNYC, through its Youth Rep programme that sends youth delegates to the United Nations, is promoting the work of the United Nations toward the Swiss youth. Every year, the Youth Rep present the work of the United Nations in Swiss schools and various events.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the 5th Session of the Forum on Minority Issues, under Agenda Item 6, SNYC delivered a statement on the opportunities and empowering minorities and young people belonging to minorities, Geneva, Switzerland, 27-28 November 2012. During the same Forum, SNYC took part in a meeting on "Implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities: Identifying positive practices and opportunities".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SNYC is currently planning its involvement in the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals from a youth perspective.

15. Simon Wiesenthal Center

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) is an international Jewish human rights organization established in 1977 with a membership of over 400,000. It is headquartered in the United States of America and holds regional bureaus in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The SWC draws the lessons of the Holocaust to the analysis of contemporary issues. The Centre confronts anti-Semitism, hate, and terrorism and promotes human rights and dignity. The Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles and the Museum of Tolerance New York function as the educational arm of the SWC in the United States.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In August 2014, the SWC met with Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon at the United Nations Headquarters during the conflict in Gaza, State of Palestine, to discuss ways of promoting peace in the region. The SWC's exhibition, "People, Book, Land: The 3500 Year Relationship of the Jewish People with the Holy Land" was held at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) headquarters in Paris in 2014. SWC representatives attended the Durban III World Conference Against Racism at the United Nations General Assembly in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The SWC attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012. During the reporting period, the SWC hosted many United Nations affiliated-events at the Museum of Tolerance New York. The Centre raised the issue of the persecution of Gays in Africa at the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, May 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The SWC has worked closely with the Department of Public Information (DPI) on various programmes. In May 2012, it co-hosted with DPI a film screening and panel discussion of its educational film on genocide "Cambodia: A Quest for Justice", which was used by the Office of the Special Advisor for Prevention of Genocide for training purposes. Another DPI/SWC programme in 2013 included participants from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Djibouti, Dominica, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Poland, and Sierra Leone.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SWC has developed exhibits on the economic and political exploitation of children, as well as ongoing interactive high tech educational programmes regarding female mutilation, trafficking of women, and sexual objectification of women in its Museums of Tolerance in Los Angeles and New York, United States, in support of MDG 2 and 3.